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In re Application of:

Osamu Shibata *et al.*

Application No.: 09/936,157

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For: AUTHENTICATION
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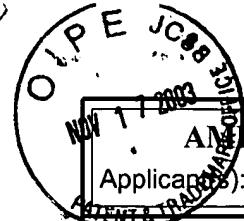
Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action, mailed August 13, 2003, Applicants submit the following claims and arguments. Please amend the above-identified application for patent as follows. Amendments in this Response are presented in the following pages in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121.

Claims 1, 11, and 12 have been amended. Claims 13-16 have been cancelled. Claims 17-20 have been added. Claims 1-12 and 17-20 remain pending in the application.

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